

Public Notice

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Nashville District

Application No. 2007-00324 Expires: March 29, 2007

Please address all comments to Nashville District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch (Attn: David Baldridge), 3701 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37214 Telephone 615/369-7521 Fax 615/369-7501

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

SUBJECT: Proposed Harbor Limits and Fixed and Floating Community Boat Slips at Tennessee River Mile 476.6, Right Bank, Chickamauga Lake, Hamilton County, Tennessee.

TO ALL CONCERNED: The application described below has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and a Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) permit pursuant to Section 26a of the TVA Act

APPLICANT: The River Preserve Owners Association Mr. James E. Howard, President 2848 Payton Oaks Drive Atlanta, GA 30345

LOCATION: Tennessee River Mile 476.6, Right Bank, Chickamauga Lake, Hamilton County, Tennessee, USGS Quad - Daisy Lat 35° 09' 26.53", Long 85° 09' 27.35"

DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to construct a community boat slip on Tract 7 of The River Preserve Subdivision. TVA would establish harbor limits for the proposed facility. The facility would consist of 10 covered, floating boatslips and would be approximately 102 feet long and 94 feet wide with a fixed and floating walkway approximately 248 feet long. The facility would extend approximately 350 feet lakeward from the normal summer pool (NSP) Elevation 682.5. Location map and plans of the proposed work are attached to this notice.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the

work, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

An Environmental Assessment will be prepared by this office prior to a final decision concerning issuance or denial of the requested Department of the Army Permit.

No properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known to exist which would be affected by the proposed work. Copies of this notice are being sent to the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer for review.

Based on available information, the proposed work will not destroy or endanger any Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act. Therefore, we have reached a no effect determination and initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

Other federal, state, and/or local approvals required for the proposed work are as follows:

TVA approval of requested land rights and approval under Section 26a of the TVA Act. In addition to other provisions of its approval, TVA would require the applicant to employ best management practices to control erosion and sedimentation, as necessary, to prevent adverse aquatic impacts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Written statements received in this office on or before March 29, 2007 will become a part of the record and will be considered in the determination. Any response to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, Attention: David Baldridge at the above address, telephone (615) 369-7521.

It is not necessary to comment separately to TVA since copies of all comments will be sent to that agency and will become part of its record on the proposal. However, if comments are sent to TVA, they should be mailed to Daniel Fisher, Chickamauga Watershed Team, Tennessee Valley Authority, 1101 Market Street PSC 1E, Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801

If you received this notice by mail and wish to view all of the diagrams, visit our web site at: http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/cof/notices.htm, or contact Mr. Baldridge at the above address or phone number.



